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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of 6 May  
Present: Ambassador Willauer and [ ]

1. The Ambassador described the Tegucigalpa Service Attache traffic as general statements reporting rumors and conjectures as to an intended invasion of Honduras by the Guatemalans. He had a specific EMBTEL to the effect that the Guatemalan Air Attache to Tegucigalpa had flown his own plane into Honduras and had, for this reason, been detained; search of the aircraft revealed a map on which the various UFCO installations were marked by numbers in pencil. This, in the Ambassador's opinion, added some evidence to our surmise that the current strikes and activities against the UFCO are supported by the Guatemalans.

2. The Ambassador requested that a project be initiated for the collection of covert intelligence from now through the election period. He pointed out that intelligence beyond that relating directly to PRSUCCESSE is of extreme importance to his mission of keeping peace in the country. (This matter was discussed with BDP who referred it to Chief, WHD for action as a separate operation to anything conducted through Lincoln.)

3. The Ambassador called attention to the expected departure about mid-May of [ ] on a European tour and requested that we try, in addition to his own efforts, to have this delayed, since [ ] is the only channel to [ ] for matters of such delicacy that the Ambassador cannot without personal involvement handle.

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4. He requested his previous remarks with regard to [ ] not to be considered as derogatory and asked that some kind of personal commendation be accorded [ ] at this time.

5. The matter of the personal plane was brought up again by the Ambassador. [ ] advised the Ambassador that it was his impression that the Agency in all probability would not be able to satisfy his requirements.

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6. [ ] brought the Ambassador up to date on the activities of the [ ]  
[ ] The Ambassador urged that no time be lost in activating this. [ ] has been asked to ascertain why this staff has not yet been activated.)

7. With regard to the counter-sabotage person to assist the Honduras Air Force, Ambassador Willauer stated that he had talked to Col. Rogers (Executive Officer to Gen. Sanford), who will endeavor to supply an appropriate person and who will contact in this regard Mr. Kermit Roosevelt.

8. The Ambassador repeated the offer as to the availability of his son, who will shortly be on vacation in the area. Mr. [ ] stated that it was our general opinion that the use of the Ambassador's son in connection with operations would be politically unwise and would offer the opposition an easy point for provocation. The Ambassador concluded that should the need arise his son would be available.

9. The Ambassador reported that he plans to leave Washington Monday, stopping overnight in New Orleans at the St. Charles Hotel. He would depart Tuesday via Pan American, landing in Guatemala City and San Salvador en route. The Military Aid Treaty Team is to accompany him and will, with Secretary Holland's prior approval, be given conspicuous treatment by our official people at the airport in Guatemala City.

10. The Ambassador recommended as a possible recruit for general Agency use [ ]

[ ] [ ] The Ambassador has known [ ] since the latter was a child and describes him as of high character, intelligent, and very eager to serve.

11. The Ambassador asked whether Col. Sawyer might be briefed since, in the Ambassador's opinion, he was getting very close to PROSECUTION matters in his general intelligence collection. [ ]  
[ ] pointed out the obvious advantages to Col. Sawyer's remaining in his present status and suggested that the only limitation the Ambassador might wish to put on Col. Sawyer would be to prevent undue speculation on his part.

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12. briefed the Ambassador on:

- a. Fire-arms being requisitioned for the Embassy.
- b. The \$5,000 fund to be held by [ ] or the Ambassador's use and protection of the lives of American citizens.
- c. The Ambassador's [ ] secretary (to be assigned to a First Secretary), who should arrive in Tegu on or about May 15.

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